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SUBJECT : BAHRAIN LABOR LAW

REF : MANAMA 939; STATE 249921

- 1. EMBASSY HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN COPIES OF LABOR LAW DRAFTS BUT WILL CONTINUE TRYING.
- 2. AT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF NOV. 24, GOVT'S DRAFT BILL WAS REFERRED TO SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE BY SPEAKER. PEOPLES BLOC MEMBER MARHOON QUESTIONED THE LEGALITY OF REFERRING BILLS DIRECTLY TO CONCERNED COMMITTEE WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE ASSEMBLY. PURPOSE BEHIND TACTIC APPEARED TO BE TO MOVE GOVERNMENT BILL INTO LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE WHERE RIVAL BILL SUBMITTED

BY PEOPLE'S BLOC DEPUTIES NOW RESTS, THUS GIVING DEPUTIES' BILL PRECEDENCE. ASSEMBLY VOTED 19-15 TO DISCONTINUE FURTHER DISCUSSION AND PERMIT THE BILL TO GO TO THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE. (COMMENT: THIS VOTE CAN BE CONSIDERED MINOR VICTORY FOR GOVERNMENT, BUT MORE IN SUPPORT OF PARLIAMENTARY PRECEDENTS THAN IN APPROVAL OF SUBSTANCE OF BILL). COMMITTEE HAS AT LEAST ONE MONTH TO REPORT OF BILL.

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3. DIRECTOR OF LABOR AFFAIRS INFORMS US THE RIVAL

DEPUTIES' BILL (TEXT NOT AVAILABLE) WAS IN FACT SUBMITTED LAST SPRING NEAR END OF LAST ASSEMBLY SESSION AND IS LARGELY BASED ON SUDANESE LABOR LAW.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPY OF SUDANESE LABOR LAW. $\label{eq:copy} \text{TWINAM}$

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